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October 15, 2024

The Honorable Kevin G. DeNoce
Presiding Judge, Superior Court of California
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93003

Re: Linking First Responders: Ventura County Regional Radio System

Honorable Kevin G. DeNoce:

The City of Ventura received the 2023-2024 Ventura County Grand Jury report titled: *Linking First Responders: Ventura County Regional Radio System*. In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, we submit this response to the Ventura County Grand Jury findings and recommendations.

The City Council agrees with the following findings:

- **Finding – 09**
Portions of the current system in the City of Ventura have both building penetration problems and reception issues in certain areas.
- **Finding – 10**
A lack of integrated training could cause inaccurate or incomplete information to be transmitted.

Grand Jury Recommendations

The City Council agrees that the following recommendations are on track to be implemented by July 2025:

- **Recommendation – 07:** **The Grand Jury recommends that transition to the VCRRS be completed by July 2025.** The City of Ventura is on track to complete its transition to the Ventura County Regional Radio System by July 2025. Both the Police and Fire Departments have purchased digital portable radios, with additional agreements and equipment acquisitions expected to be finalized and brought before City Council for approval by late 2024.

- **Recommendation – 08: The Grand Jury recommends that the City of Ventura complete an integrated testing and training plan by July 2025.**

The City of Ventura is committed to maintaining a rigorous training program for public safety radio communications staff.

The City of Ventura remains fully committed to the successful transition to the Ventura County Regional Radio System by July 2025, as well as to ensure that our public safety personnel receive the necessary training to operate effectively within this system. We look forward to working collaboratively to achieve these goals.

Respectfully,



Joe Schroeder
Mayor

Cc: Ventura County Grand Jury, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009



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Response to 2023-2024 Ventura County Grand Jury Report Form (Please See California Penal Code Section 933.05)

Report Title: Linking First Responders: Ventura County Regional Radio System

Responding Entity: Mayor Joe Schroeder, City of Ventura, City Council

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered: F-09 and F-10
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered: _____
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the Findings that are disputed;
include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered R-07 and R-08 have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a summary indicating the timeframe for implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation to include: scope and parameters of the analysis or study and timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion with the agency or department head. The timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 10.16.24

Signed: Joseph Schroeder

Title: Mayor

Number of pages attached: 4

